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On Juvenile Delinquency

To the Editor: Being a teenager, I have heard many times from adults, "In my time children were seen, not heard." Well, ask these people if they did not resent this. I will wager they did.

What people have trouble realizing is the fact the children are human beings too. They should try and think a little before they start punishing their children. If adults would try to talk to their children, try to understand the child's point of view, and if it is completely wrong, explain before they take action, a child will remember much more if he is told why he is not to do something. He feels he is being treated like a man, and he will then respect his parents.

The much used system of screaming and unnecessary beatings when a child does something wrong, will result in only fear of the parent and later hatred. If a child is told and still continues to do something wrong, then it is the time for more drastic actions, but if he has never been told not to do it, it is positively ridiculous to punish him.

A human being is a very complex thing. It is born with all the capabilities in the world. It is born with very few ideas of its own. Just those of breathing, moving, eating, and a great capability to learn. It is up to you, the parent, the neighbor, the aunt, the uncle to teach this child. A child is what he is made. As far as juvenile delinquency goes, no child brought up in a happy, wholesome, and clean environment will go wrong. He is yours, to teach, to form, but if you are not careful, he will be yours to ruin. It takes much time, patience, and understanding to bring up a child.

In regards to Mr. Stille, (Communications, M.M. Tribune, July 18) I say this, I do not believe that religion is ever going to solve the world's problems. I believe that religion, along with understanding one another and plain old common sense will do more for the human race than an over dose of re-

ligion or anything else. Religion is good, in its place, and in its own field. We sinners of today wouldn't dare pray for miracles so we must do it ourselves. Gaining strength from the Bible is fine, but when people begin to use it as a crutch, it is getting out of hand.

In relation to juvenile delinquency, I believe that some religion is good. But you try to force a child to live nothing but the Bible and you will ruin him. This, if asked, I could prove with examples. To prevent juvenile delinquency, adults are going to have to remember that children are junior members of the human race and are entitled to the rights of opinion, freedom, and of mistake. Try to understand them, treat them decently and you will win their respect and love. You owe them a decent chance in the world you have brought them into, give it to them.

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Given No Right
To the Editor: In answer to Mr. Clarence M. Crews (M.T. July 15) who disagreed with Mr. Stille's most excellent letter of July 6 on the Supreme Court "Prayer" Decision, may I point out in a friendly manner that the Constitution of the United States gives absolutely no rights or duties whatsoever in the field of public education.

Article 10 of the Bill of Rights states emphatically: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."
These words spell it out plainly and forcefully. So does Article 1 of the Bill of Rights when it says, "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

Yet our Federal Supreme Court has had the colossal gall and unbelievable arrogance to step into New York State's

educational system where it has no jurisdiction and propound a decision that creates a law by judicial fiat prohibiting the recitation of a simple non-sectarian prayer by school children. What unconstitutional authority regarding religion will this body of men usurp next? Watch for them to use the "Prayer Decision" as a precedent to hand down a whole series of decisions outlawing every trace of religious ceremony, all reference to and teaching about religion, and all recognition of God from our schools.

Bear in mind that a powerful Communist Criminal Conspiracy to force anti-Christ Atheism, and eventually Communism, itself, on our nation has been gaining momentum ever since we foolishly recognized Soviet Russia in 1933. Many Christian patriots know this all too well. Even many uninitiated Christian Americans sense the danger here, especially since our Supreme Court's incredible pro-Communist voting record has become common knowledge. Decisions handed down on Red Monday after Red Monday have been so destructive to our Christian based Constitution and the American way of life that the above mentioned Supreme Court voting record is "must" reading for every concerned citizen in America. (Available for 25 cents at Freedom Center, Box 4344, Portland, Oregon.)
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Horse Feathers
To the Editor: The venerable town of Jacksonville is visited by thousands of tourists who love the scenic old buildings, museums and the stagecoach rides.

When horses came back the natives found some horse manure on the road-sides and became violently nauseated. Yes, street, then 'ere civic minded 'humanbeens' almost kicked up a dust storm about the "which" and "why" of it. I knew all the time it wuz the horses' fault. Mr. Ed would have owned up to his share in it at once, but then 'ere J'ville nags can't stick up for themselves, so I writ their apology for them in the Sentinel.

I've been asked to tell the M.M. Tribune about it, so I'll do so, but it is to be read by adults only. We must be careful of young minds, you know.

Help! Call the fire trucks! Warn everybody. Do something. There's horses in town. Yah, in Jacksonville!

Since that village wants to retain its antiquity, why furse? I saw horse manure all about on the streets of New York City 'way back when. It looked better than car oil, too.

Sure, I'm prejudiced; I love horses. Horse manure 'd remind sightseers of good ol' horse an' buggy days. I wouldn't be surprised iffen some good gentle old timer steps outeen George's stagecoach and wraps some of the precious fertilizer in foil to keep in remembrance of that quaint old mining town.

There's no playground and the little Pioneer Village that George McLine builded at the north edge of town with its pony rides and other pleasures have brought much joy to the youngsters.

Show! Them tumblebug rollings, a team could antl over. They're valuable, too. When Henry's radiator leaked, horse manure crumbled into it stopped the leak.

Them moon shooters would be more useful if they came down to earth and taught horses to use kitty-litter-boxes, anyhow.

Before jay-walking laws came and ladies wore long dresses—er—well, I won't bring that up, for no up-to-date dress would be able to sweep the streets clean now.

If all their rowing fails, and I see any of the droppings around these diggins, for a small sum dropped from my water bill, I'll dustpan the dirty stuff right onto my bed of ol' fashioned hollyhocks.

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Poets' Corner

Conducted by
Arnold Eugene Jenny

Winter Memories
Within the circuit of this plodding life
These enter moments of an azure hue,
Untarnished fair as is the violet
Or anemone, when the spring strews them
By some meandering rivulet, which make
The best philosophy untrue that aims
But to console man for his grievances.
I have remembered when the winter came,
High in my chamber in the frosty nights,
When in the still light of the cheerful moon,
On every twig and rail and jutting spout,
The icy spears were adding to their length
Against the arrows of the coming sun,
How in the shimmering noon of summer past
Some unrecorder beam slanted across
The upland pastures where the Johnswort grew;
Or heard, amid the verdure of my mind,
The bee's long smothered hum, on the blue flag
Littering amidst the mead; or busy rill,
Which now through all its course stands still and dumb
Its own memorial—purling at its play
Along the slopes, and through the meadows next,
Until its youthful sound was hushed at last
In the staid current of the lowland stream;
Or seen the furrows shine but late upturned,
And where the fieldfare followed in the rear,
When all the fields around lay bound and hoar
Beneath a thick integument of snow,
So by God's cheap economy made rich
To go upon my winter's task again.
—Henry David Thoreau

The Gift
One said to me, "While time is passing by,
And duties of the hour press hard and fast,
Let's not forget to seek each day the joy
That once was promised us by One long since."
He did his work rejoicing through stress and storm;
Misunderstanding, scorn and piercing crown
Beset his early path, and yet at night
When his beloved disciples gathered round,
On quiet hillside or in garden fair,
He spoke to them of joy and peace and love,
And put behind the trials of the day.
The years have grown since he has been on earth,
And yet his message comes as clear today
To those who listen for the voice within:
Could words be sweeter to a troubled heart?
"My peace I leave with you," the gift is ours.
—Blanche Ellis Norwell
The Manor, Medford.

The Gluten's Dilemma
O how I love to sit and eat
Hors-d'oeuvres and soup and fish and meat
With vegetables, then a sweet!
O what a treat!
But as I gaze upon my plate
I know it is my hapless fate,
Eating, to do the thing I hate,
To put on weight!
Pass me a second butter-put!
I know I never shall be flat!
I choose to eat although I'm fat,
And that is that!
—L. A. G. Strong

The Deafblind
Although his sight is not extensive,
He soon to a deafblind is quite impressive.
—L. A. G. Strong



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